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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: KATO, et al.
Serial No.: 10/796,195
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For: VACUUM PROCESSING APPARATUS AND OPERATING
METHOD THEREFOR
Group: 3749
Examiner: K. O'Malley

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 28, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.

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